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§1.98

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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the Search/Examination report corresponding to the PCT application. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

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